MR. VARUGHESE ITHAC: May I know from the honourable member whether he will kindly explain the last part of the answer 'Steps are also being taken to find out other sources of supply.'?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have actually inspected one or two sites and given instructions for investigating others.

Vallams.

337. *MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total number of vallams plying in the canals and lakes of the State in the following categories:

(i) vallams of 8 tonnage and above;
(ii) vallams of 5 tonnage and above up to 8 tons;
(iii) vallams of 8 tonnage and above that ply in the lakes and canals between Quilon and Cochin; and
(iv) vallams of 5 tonnage up to 8 tonnage that ply in the lakes and canals between Quilon and Cochin?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:

(i) 3045
(ii) 2142
(iii) and (iv) Information is not available.

General Hospital.

338. *MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI (*The Travancore Jenmies, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is Plastic Section in the General Hospital;
(*b*) whether there are proper stretchers in the General Hospital; and
(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the diet given to the patients in the General Hospital is unsatisfactory?

DR. S. JOHN (*Surgeon General*): (*a*) No.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Government are not aware.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether the Government have felt the necessity?

DR. S. JOHN: May I know from the member what he means by 'Plastic Section'?

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: It is not for me to explain if the honourable member does not know.

DR. S. JOHN: I would like to know what he means by 'Plastic Section.'

One member: On a point of order, Sir. Is the honourable member entitled to put questions to the other honourable member?

PRESIDENT: Undoubtedly. He cannot understand the question. Should he not know what the question is? The Surgeon General says he does not know what it means.

DR. S. JOHN: There is no such thing as Plastic medicine.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Is it the case of the member that there is no such word in the medical phraseology?

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